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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ARAB SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE

1. DURING CHARGE'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY MANSOURI ON MAY 2, CHARGE ASKED ABOUT THE KHARTOUM CONFERENCE WHICH MANSOURI HAD JUST ATTENDED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD. MANSOURI REPLIED THAT OBVIOUS PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS TO ARRANGE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN SADAT AND ASSAD. AT PRESENT, THE SYRIANS ARE TAKING THE LINE THAT THERE CAN BE NO RECONCILIATION UNLESS SADAT PUBLICLY ADMITS THAT HIS JERUSALEM INITIATIVE WAS A TOTAL FIASCO. SADAT, FOR HIS PART, IS WILLING TO ATTEND A SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND EXPLAIN TO THE OTHER ARAB HEADS OF STATE WHY HE WENT TO JERUSALEM AND WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE NOW FOR HIS INITIATIVE.

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2. ACCORDING TO MANSOURI, KHARTOUM CONFERENCE REACHED A CONSENSUS THAT RECONCILIATION COULD BEST BE ACHIEVED BY CONVINCING THE SYRIANS THAT THEY SHOULD SET AS THEIR PRIMARY GOAL THE PREVENTION OF A POSSIBLE UNILATERAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. THIS IS A REASONABLE OBJECTIVE SINCE THE EGYPTIANS HAVE DENIED THAT THEY

WOULD MAKE SUCH A UNILATERAL DEAL AND EVEN THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED THE VIEW OFFICIALLY THAT A SETTLEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. SUCH A GOAL ON THE PART OF THE SYRIANS WOULD BE MORE LOGICAL AND MORE PRODUCTIVE FOR THE ARAB CAUSE THAN THEIR PRESENT OBJECTIVE OF HUMILIATING SADAT.

3. MANSOURI SAID THAT OF THE VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE THE KUWAITIS ALONE TENDED TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT SYRIAN POSITION. THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ALL AGREED THAT THE SADAT INITIATIVE PROBABLY HAD FAILED IN ITS MAJOR OBJECTIVES BUT THAT PRESENT TRENDS IN THE AREA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. THEY FELT THAT THE SADAT INITIATIVE HAD FAILED BECAUSE THERE DID NOT NOW SEEM TO BE ANY PROSPECT FOR ANY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WHICH IS THE KEY TO AN ULTIMATE SOLUTION. UNTIL THE PALESTINIANS HAVE A RIGHT TO OPT FOR THEIR OWN STATE, NO SETTLEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

4. MANSOURI SAID THAT NUMEIRI WOULD SOON BEGIN HIS VISITS TO DAMASCUS AND CAIRO AND, IF NECESSARY, WOULD SHUTTLE BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS AS LONG AS THERE IS ANY HOPE OF ACHIEVING A RECONCILIATION. AT SOME POINT THE COMMITTEE MAY ALSO TRY TO BRING IN ALGERIA OR ONE OF THE REJECTIONIST STATES IN THE HOPE OF BROADENING THE ARAB CONSENSUS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN A RECONCILIATION.  
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